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REMARKS

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1. At 10 a.m. on 25 September 1953, a shipment of 15 boxcars, occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 SU-76 guns and about 14 trucks, was seen on the spur track to the harbor at the Wismar railroad station. At 11 a.m. a shipment of 11 boxcars occupied by troops, 23 trucks and 6 AA guns was seen leaving the Wismar railroad station.

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2. Between noon and 6 p.m. on 27 September, truck columns were passing through Gadow, proceeding toward Neuruppin. Tanks with Nos. between 550 and 581 were seen en route toward Neuruppin on 28 September. During the night of 28 September, several columns totaling at least 110 trucks were seen en route toward Wittstock. Beginning at 6 a.m. on 30 September, truck columns, tanks

and armored scout cars

were seen en route toward

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Fretzdorf, coming from the direction of Neuruppin. Twenty camouflaged trucks towing mortars were seen en route toward Neuruppin.

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3. At 2 p.m. on 30 September, a shipment of 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 30 trucks and including 10 trucks mounting AA machine guns; 2 field kitchens, 1 ambulance and 1 sedan was seen at the Beelitz railroad station, proceeding toward Jueterbog.

4. Troops stationed in Camp Vogelsang left for maneuvers on and after 1 October.

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5. At 10:45 a.m. on 1 October, a train of 18 SSy-type flatcars, 5 converted boxcars and 1 boxcar, carrying 3 JS-3 tanks, 7 T-34/85 tanks, 1 T-34 tank chassis, 2 ISU-122 guns, 16 trucks,

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and about 130 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, was dispatched to Neustrelitz

6. At 5 p.m. on 1 October, a shipment of 15 JS-3 tanks, 2 field kitchens, 30 trucks, 5 jeeps and 3 converted boxcars arrived in Fuerstenberg, coming from the direction of Berlin. At 10 a.m. on 2 October, a shipment of 5 JS-3 tanks, 2 field kitchens, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 25 trucks and 10 converted boxcars was seen in Gransee, proceeding toward Fuerstenberg. At 7:30 a.m., a shipment of 15 JS-3 tanks, 2 field kitchens, 10 jeeps, 1 tank truck, 17 M-3 armored personnel carriers, 12 BA-64 armored scout cars, 12 trucks and 10 boxcars

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occupied by troops was seen in Loewenberg, en route toward Gransee. A shipment of 48 trucks, 1 jeep and 10 boxcars occupied by troops was seen on a siding.<sup>3</sup>

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7. At 11 a.m. on 6 October, a unit, presumably an advance detail, entered the barracks installation in Bernburg. Trucks carrying billeting equipment and baggage, were seen with the detail. The bulk of the troops had not yet arrived in Bernburg.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Comment. Probably one of the five trains which, with units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, went from Wismar to Wudicke.

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2. Comment. Probably retransfer of an AAA unit from the Wustrow training area.

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3. Comment. The movements mentioned in paragraph 2 probably involved units of the 9th Gds Tank Div which, between 27 and 30 September, conducted exercises in the Neustrelitz-Neuruppin area. Although tank may belong to both, the 12th or the 9th Gds Tank Div, observations at the Neuruppin post let it appear rather improbable that units of the first mentioned division should have participated in the exercises. The retransfer to Neustrelitz-Neubrandenburg and Fuerstenberg of the practicing units between 1 and 3 October had been indicated

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4. Comment. Probably elements of the 25th Tank Div which participated in exercises in the area north of Berlin between 2 and 5 October.

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5. Comment. A tank detail of the 1st Mecz Div transferred to advanced combat firing practice in Neustrelitz on one of the three trains

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6. Comment. The advance details are fairly definitely believed to belong to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from Bernburg.

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